

Claim 1(amended). A modular printing machine system for printing on sheets, comprising:

a first printing machine of satellite construction type having a central first impression cylinder and at least four printing devices assigned thereto;

*Q1* a second printing machine having a sheet delivery and at least one zoneless metering device for uniformly metering at least one of ink and varnish, respectively, over a printing width; and

a coupling device for coupling said first printing machine and said second printing machine to one another for in-line operation thereof.

Claim 9(amended). A modular printing machine system for printing on sheets, comprising:

*Q2* a first printing machine of satellite construction type having a central first impression cylinder and at least four printing devices assigned thereto;

a second printing machine having a second impression cylinder and at least one zoneless metering device for uniformly metering at least one of ink and varnish, respectively, over a

printing width, said second impression cylinder being assigned one unit of a numbering unit and an imprinting unit, respectively, with a rotatable shaft bearing one of at least one numbering and at least one imprinting stamp, respectively; and

a coupling device for coupling said first printing machine and said second printing machine to one another for in-line operation thereof.

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Add the Following New Claim:

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Claim 14(New). A modular printing machine system for printing on sheets, comprising:

a first printing machine of satellite construction type having a central first impression cylinder, at least four printing devices assigned thereto and a first sheet delivery;

a second printing machine having a second sheet delivery and at least one zoneless metering device for uniformly metering at least one of ink and varnish, respectively, over a printing width; and

a coupling device for coupling said first printing machine and said second printing machine to one another for in-line operation thereof.

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